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Havre, Mont. 50501
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Mr. John V. O'Neill
President Oxford House
4857 Battery Lane #503
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Dear John:

Am replying to your good news letter that the Board of Directors voted to grant us a charter. We believe we have the proper foundation and attitude to make our house a success.

Your booklet and suggestions are appreciated. We know we will make mistakes, but receiving proven methods of opperation should eliminate some of them.

We believe as you do that drinking should not and will not be tolerated, and immediate expulsion as the result there of. We also discourage the use of precription mind altering drugs.

Our rent and upkeep being of upmost importance, we stress this factor very strong. We do allow a resonable amount of time for residents to gain employment if they are honestly doing so.

At present we have eleven residents, so we are just about at capacity. We have had in the past female residents without any difficulty. It's amazing how well groomed the men keep themselves with women around.

We haven't as yet been able to secure a loan. Seems that we can keep up fairly well with current obligations, but can't catch up with the initial opening costs. Seven Hundred dollars would completely take us out of the "RED".

Our landlord has been more than lenient with us, however it can't continue for long. To make a long story short John, we are asking for some help if possible.

The name we would like to call ourselves is: "THE CASTLE OXFORD HOUSE---MONTANA". Our house has been known as the Castle since 1904, and people readily identify it by that name. We will send you some photo's in the near future.

Sorry I was working when you last called. I go at 8:00 a.m. and usually home around 6:p.m. Am looking forward to talking with you. I also have Saturday and Sunday off.

Again, thank you for your letter and accepting us as a charter house.

Sincerely

Gary P. Maddio

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